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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of October 31, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 6 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including proposed amended drawing figures is attached following page 9 of this paper.

A petition for a one month extension of time is enclosed herewith.